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Picture of the First Lady of the American Checkered Giant Club, Mrs. Lester C. Wells, wearing a beautiful garment made of natural Checkered Giant pelts. See story on page 8 of this issue of Small Stock Magazine. Lester C. Wells is President of the American Checkered Giant Club and resides at 3026 N. Lancaster St., Indianapolis, Ind.

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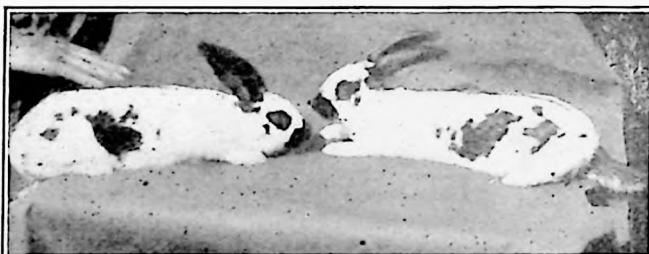
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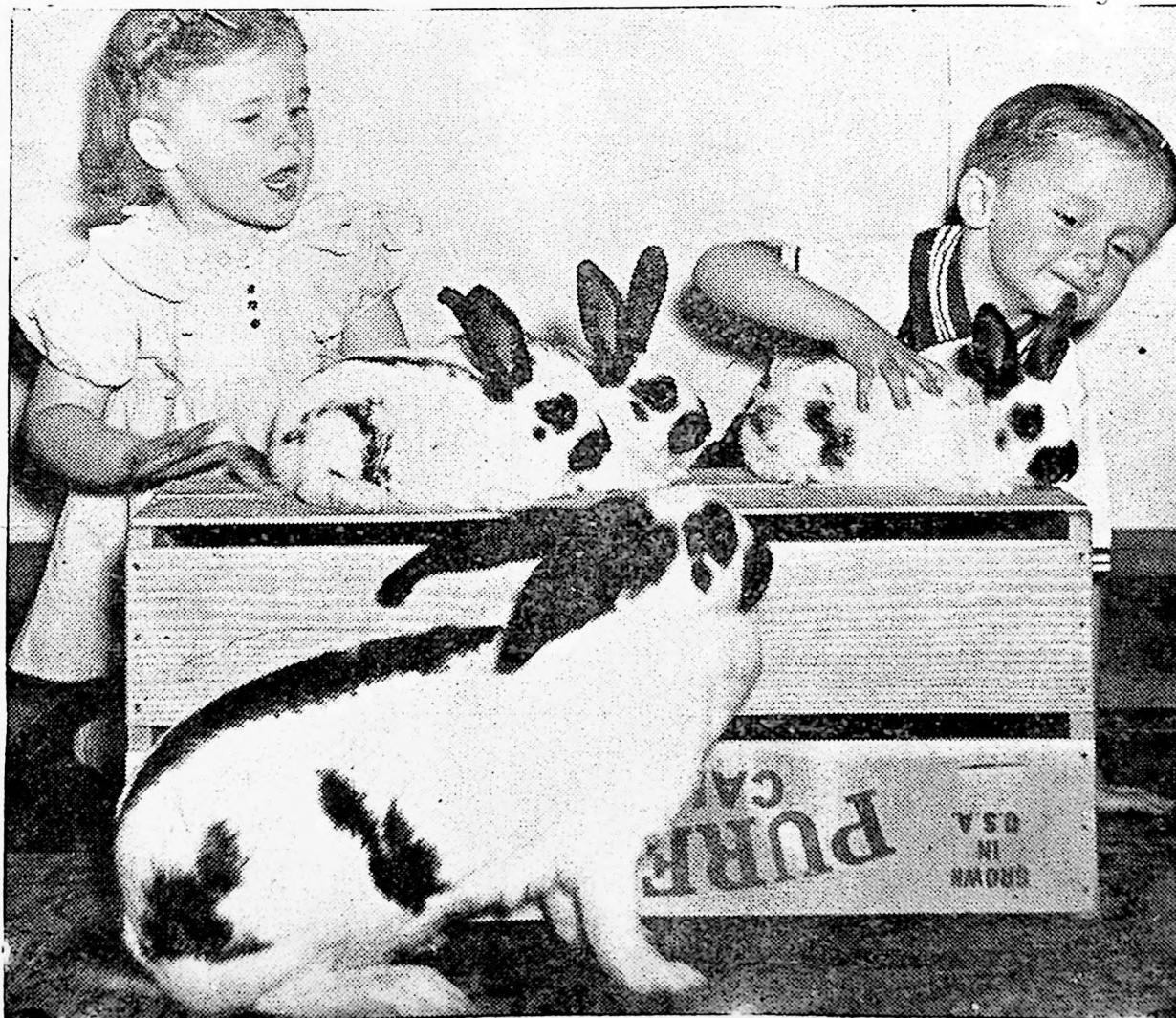
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Remember the Checkered Giant rabbit is a fast developer and produces fryers of $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ pounds at 8 weeks of age. This means that by raising Checkered Giant rabbits for home production of meat, it is not necessary to build a large number of developing pens, as immediately upon reaching the age of 8 weeks or weaning age, the Checkered Giant youngsters are ready for the skillet. Since the young Checkered Giant rabbits have just been weaned, they are at the peak of delicacy, as they have not been required to grow older and more tough. For this reason alone, the Checkered Giant, due to its fast developing youngsters in size, would appear to me to be the ideal rabbit to meet the war demands.

Accordingly as it is necessary to have only a minimum number of breeding hutches, it might be suggested that the hutches be placed along the side wall of the interior of the garage if space permits, and this usually can be arranged in the average garage at a minimum of expense. The ideal location naturally would be to have the hutches out of doors and under some shade trees if possible.

With the high cost of food, it is doubted that we will have as much wastage from the kitchen, however, as efficiently as we may manage the home, we are still faced with a supply of stale bread, potato peelings, carrot tops and other greens that can very readily and profitably be consumed by the Checkered Giant breeding stock, and in this way we can produce a good supply of meat without a great deal of additional cost, except perhaps for an occasional bale of good alfalfa and perhaps some grain from time to time.

The Checkered Giant rabbit is also of considerable value from the fur standpoint in that as the youngsters develop so fast we not only have a large amount of meat for table use at 8 weeks of age, but we also have a larger pelt than the average rabbit of today will produce at the same age. We know that rabbit pelts are now in demand in the war effort, as a good many of the men in our armed forces must have fur-lined uniforms, helmets, gloves, etc., not mentioned the great demand for felt which is also a product of rabbit pelts.

In the past the United States has imported millions of rabbit pelts chiefly from Australia, and of course, we all realize that this source of supply has been greatly reduced. It appears very doubtful that rabbit pelts are finding their way to our shores from this source, and as a result the American rabbit industry will be called upon to help supply this urgent material. This fact is reflected in the high price being paid today for rabbit pelts. In my own particular experience last year, my pelts averaged 10 cents each, whereas my shipment this year averaged 28 cents each. This is an increase of almost 200 per cent.

We have often heard breeders say that it is not worth the trouble to save rabbit pelts, but when the price reaches the present peak which I have no doubt will be advanced as the demand becomes greater, it is very much worthwhile to save the pelts.

It is a very simple matter to stretch the pelts and allow them to dry. After the drying process it is recommended that the pelts be placed in a dry place out of reach of mice or rats which can cause considerable damage. We can see from the above discussion that the Checkered Giant rabbit is truly the ideal rabbit to help meet the war demands and to help win the war for the allies in that it produces more meat and more fur at weaning age than the vast majority of rabbits.

There is another very important feature in the Checkered Giant, and that is the beauty of the animal itself. It is commonly admitted that in order to get the most production for the war effort, we must maintain our vitality by proper food and clothing, and also by continued recreation and hobbies. We need something cheery around us in order to give us a cheery disposition which naturally increases our production ability and beyond a doubt the Checkered Giant rabbit will give any breeder a cheery disposition by its outstanding beauty.

At this point I would like to make an open recommendation to whom it may concern that I believe the American rabbit breeders are missing a golden opportunity to capitalize on a publicity campaign at the expense of the United States government. If we do not institute a coordinated plan of calling to the attention of the proper officials of the federal government the high nutrition value contained in rabbit meat, also the comparatively inexpensiveness of producing this fine meat for family table use, we are missing a great opportunity.

My idea is this: The demand for meat is going to be quite serious, and if the government were to institute a publicity campaign to educate the public of the ease with which the public can help themselves solve their own meat problems, it will directly result in benefits to the government war aim. Therefore, I believe it is the duty of the American rabbit industry to volunteer its aid in supplying information to the government along this line.

We can offer the benefit of our past experience in breeding, feeding, hutch building and disease control. This program appears to have been worked out highly successfully in some of the European axis countries and may or may not be their main source of meat supply today. We hope the meat situation does not become that serious over here, but I do believe that if we take the proper steps at this time to convince our government officials that we really have something, it is my opinion that the government would be willing to spend thousands of dollars to educate and encourage the general public

in the breeding of rabbits for home meat consumption.

Think of what this would mean to the future of the American rabbit industry. Are we going to sleep at the switch, or are we going to capitalize on this golden opportunity? This Checkered Giant Special Issue has been made a great success by a small but active organization of less than 150 members. If 150 members, all working and pulling together can put out a Special Issue like this, think what would happen if the federal government were to throw

its full weight and support of thousands of dollars in advertising behind a coordinated plan to educate the public on the possibilities of producing meat for family consumption by breeding a few rabbits in the backyards of America. There is no reason whatsoever why every backyard in America could not be raising rabbits of some kind for home meat production and why SMALL STOCK MAGAZINE should not be read in every home in America.

Think of the possibilities!

Why the American Checkered Giant Has Grown in Popularity

By L. C. WELLS, Indianapolis, Indiana

The Checkered Giant, known as the rabbit beautiful, has progressed far ahead of most breeds of rabbits in the last few years due to the beautiful markings and attractive type along with the operation of the members of its specialty club.

The Checkered Giant is a white rabbit with the black markings which are: The head markings which consist of the butterfly which is on the nose and resembles a butterfly with its wings spread around the mouth, and the body of the butterfly running up the nose towards the forehead. Then there is the eye circle. The ears should be black from the base to the tips. These markings should all be clean-cut without drags or connections, and when they are so, they really make a beautiful head.

Then there is the spine markings which runs from the front of the ears to the tip of the tail down the rabbit's backbone, and runs from one-half inch in width at the back of the ears and widens out to about one inch in the center of the body and then narrows again toward the tail.

Then the side markings which consist of two spots or groups of spots on each side of the rabbit's body. These spots or groups of spots should be well separated from each other. One on the loin and the other on the hip, both sides to be marked exactly

alike for perfection and carried well down from the spine marking.

This description gives you a good idea as to where the Checkered Giant gets its name, the rabbit beautiful. It really is.

Now comes the type which adds to their beauty. Their long black ears, long bodies, and legs that carry their body well off the ground. Reasonably heavy bone, not too heavy to take away the graceful look when they are prancing back and forth in their coops, as they generally are, they really are the aristocrat of the showroom.

When visiting your next rabbit show, just step inside the door and look out over the coops and where you see the largest crowd gathered, you will find the Checkered Giants. Just look them over very well and see if you also do not think they are beautiful. I did, and in 1929 I bought my first Checkered Giants and paid a good price for them. In fact, my friends who, of course, were not rabbit breeders, thought I was crazy to pay such a price for just rabbits.

Having raised rabbits since I was a boy 14 years old—that was back in 1914—but never having shown any, I was all peped up with my Checkered Giants, so I joined the local rabbit club and decided to show my Checkered Giants. My first show was at



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Anderson, Ind. I was very much elated at this show for I won two firsts, but there were only four Checkered Giant rabbits in this show. I at once wondered why such a beautiful rabbit as were the Checkered Giants, had no competition, so I began to ask questions of the breeders that raised other breeds of rabbits why they never raised Checkered Giants. Most of them would say there was no competition; others, that it was too hard to get good ones. So I began to look around and was very much disappointed to find that I was the only one in Indianapolis, Ind., who raised Checkered Giants at this time. I made up my mind to stay with my Checkered Giants and see if I could not get some breeders interested. Every time there was a show that I could possibly attend, I went and took my Checkered Giants only to be disappointed because of no competition. I decided to join the Checkered Giant Specialty Club so I wrote to Tom Nemohay who was secretary at that time and joined the club and asked where there were some Checkered Giant breeders. He in return sent me a list of the members and I started writing to the breeders in the surrounding states. We started supporting each others shows and it was not long until we had competition in all our shows. This can be done with all breeds of rabbits if the members of the different breeds that do not get competition in the show room will write to each other and support each other's shows. You can boost the entry of your favorite breed in the shows several hundred per cent, and in doing so you will also increase your sales, for as your entries increase in the shows, the public and breeders will become more interested in your breed and want to raise your kind of rabbits also.

With the increase in entries and more rabbit fanciers interested in buying Checkered Giants, the Checkered Giant rabbit is getting better every year. In the last few years, the Checkered Giants have made wonderful headway in regard to markings. It has only been a few years ago that our Standard allowed the judge to place Checkered Giants with a small white spot in the butterfly providing it was not larger than a pea. Today there must not be any spot in the butterfly marking. We also have cleaner heads. By this I mean not so many stray black spots. Also we have improved the color on the ears by eliminating most of the runs and white hair on them. Shoulder spots and leg spots are getting fewer all the time. By selective breeding and eliminating all of these defects we are without doubt adding to the beauty of the Checkered Giant and making competition very keen in all the shows. And instead of one outstanding Checkered Giant in the show room, you will find several, thereby giving the judge a good workout as well as keeping the breeders striving to produce better Checkered Giants all the time.

The rabbit beautiful is called a fancy breed, but do not forget that the weights are such that a 4 to 6-pound rabbit can be produced about as quickly as any other breed.

The pelts or skins do not bring quite as much as do the solid white pelts, but as they have a desirable texture of fur, there is always a ready market for them. Also a breeder can have his best skins tanned and sell them for

table throws, etc. Lovely garments can also be made of them in their natural color and design, as you can see by the picture on the front cover of this magazine.

In closing I want to say that the demand for the American Checkered Giant is larger than the supply, and if you will run an ad in SMALL STOCK MAGAZINE from time to time, you will find there is always a buyer for good Checkered Giants.

drilled a well right in my main rabbit building. This water is cold in the summer and warm in the winter. All water is dumped out and fresh water put in at feeding time. I always water first so in case a doe or her litter have drunk all their water and are thirsty, they get plenty to drink before they eat. This may seem like a funny idea, but the reason I do this is because I know that if a rabbit eats its grain first and then fills up on water, the grain is flushed out of the stomach and into the intestines without doing the rabbit much good.

It always pays to keep a sharp eye on the growing litter and NOT OVERFEED. This is one of the most dangerous things about raising a litter. I always use two feed crocks after the litter is out of the nest and eating well. Just enough pellets are placed in each crock so that they are cleaned up good at least 3 hours before the next feeding. If any feed is left in the crocks, only enough pellets are added to equal the regular feeding. If the litter appears active and dive into the feed at feeding time, just a little more is added each week. No one can feed my stock, as I like to feed them myself and see how much feed is left, etc. If I come upon some crocks that are rather full at feeding time, I pass them up till the next day. Then if they are still not cleaned up, it is time to look over the litter and find out what is wrong. You may find the doe is constipated and not eating her share or perhaps a few of the young may have a touch of baby diarrhoea. If this is the case remove all pellets. Give each youngster a drop of castor oil and place a hand full of rolled oats in one crock. This will in most cases check the trouble and in another day you can continue with the regular feed. Now let's go back to a new-born litter. As soon as the litter is born, you can tell how many good ones you have for showing and breeders and also how many for meat or laboratory purposes.

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Checkered Giants, a Sound Investment

By TOM LIPPINCOTT, Newark, Ohio

I should like to point out in this article that Checkered Giants are not merely a hobby or fancier's rabbit, but a commercial rabbit as well.

Many times I have heard the remark that "you can't get enough good ones in one litter to be profitable." This remark comes mostly from breeders of non-marked breeds, meaning every breed except Checkered Giants, English Spots, Himalayans and Dutch.

One breeder whom, I recall, has solid colored stock, says: "I can sell every one in the litter for breeding stock." Yes, he can, but, every one is not a show winner any more than a Checkered Giant litter where we have some with off-markings and he has some with poor color. Most new prospects or future breeders buy these off-colored stock because they are not educated to the good color qualities. Thus they start out with poor stock. But on the other hand, the new breeder who gets interested in Checkered Giants, refers to the standard and gets a perfect picture of a Checkered Giant and the markings. Here is where the Checkered Giant breeder has a little trouble. Sometimes the beginner thinks all

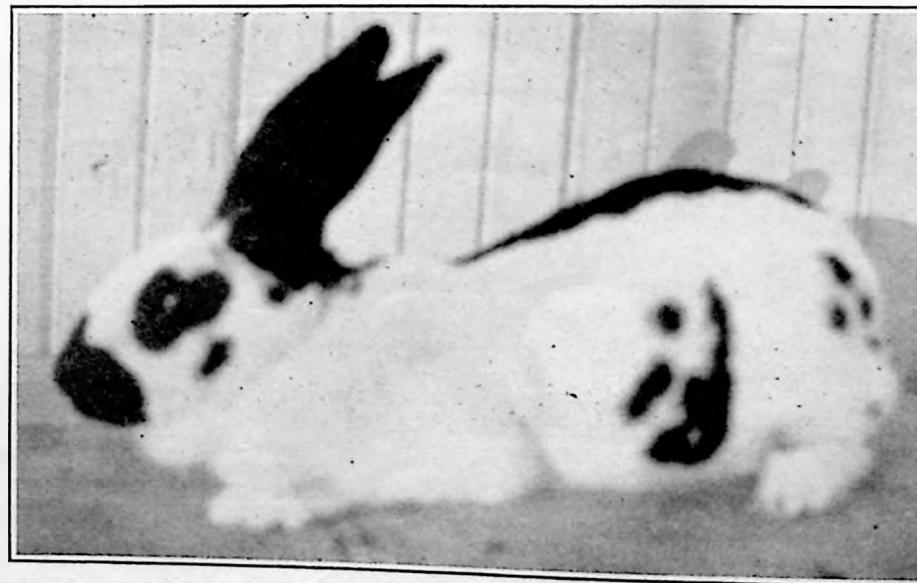
Checkered Giants should be marked as the standard shows or they are no good.

A beginner with average intelligence can tell how good a Checkered Giant he is getting, whereas if he purchased a solid-color variety or breed he has to learn the fine points from hard experience usually.

Now to get back to the advantages of Checkered Giants after you have obtained your start. First, you have a popular sized rabbit averaging 12 pounds at maturity. This size is not too large and clumsy nor too small to produce a good pelt and a quick fryer. Fryers can be grown very quickly. I have no trouble at all in getting fryers to dress out 2 to 2½ pounds at 8 weeks. Also, at this age, the carcasses are plump and well filled with plenty of fat around the kidneys.

While on the subject of fryers, I think I should tell you about my feed and method. I use the straight pellets for grain and good alfalfa hay, nothing else, and I feed only once a day around 7 p. m. in the summer and 5 p. m. in the winter.

Half your success in feeding is to have good clean water and plenty of it. I use well water, as I



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By an almost unanimous vote of the officers of the American they decided to cancel the 1942 convention and show. They felt that due to the Tire, Gasoline and Transportation situation it would be to the best interest of all concerned to take this action. They all realize that even under normal conditions it's a big job to put on a successful convention and show and to have representation from every section of the country. This would be impossible under present conditions.

John C. Fehr,
Chairman Board of Directors, A. R. & C. B. A.

CHECKERED GIANT ISSUE

We believe our readers will agree with us that Leonard Biskie and his committee have done a wonderful job in furnishing material for this special issue of SMALL STOCK MAGAZINE. This has been a tremendous job and all breeders of Checkered Giants owe this committee a hearty vote of thanks for the work done.

An issue of this kind will no doubt be an added boost to the popularity of "The Rabbit Beautiful."

We want to add our word of appreciation for the hard work put forth by this committee as we would not have been able to put forth such a fine issue without their cooperation.

We especially want to thank Mr. Biskie for the very fine way the copy came to our desk. Every piece of copy had been checked and re-checked - edited and typed ready for the linotype machines. We appreciate this, Mr. Biskie, and say thank you.

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It is all very well to give three cheers for the boys in uniform. but the buying of bonds speaks louder than cheers.

What I Have Done with Checkered Giants

By DOYLE SAXE, Waverly, New York

Well, boys, here is a little article on what I have done with Checkered Giants. My first experience with rabbits was with a pair of just common rabbits which I picked up for our little girl at 50 cents.

I had been putting along with

**ANGORA SPECIAL IN
SEPTEMBER**

Those of our readers who saw the September, 1941, Angora issue of SMALL STOCK MAGAZINE have an added thrill in store with our forthcoming September issue. Mr. Orr who has this work in charge says the coming Angora special will be far ahead of the one last year.

If you are an Angora breeder and have good cuts of your stock or equipment you should send them to Mr. Orr at once. He will also appreciate worthwhile articles on the Angora industry. His address is C. W. Orr, Palmer Lake, Colo.

NOTICE

John Fehr says: "I just received a letter from Gust Foerster giving his present address as:

Pvt. Gust J. Foerster, 101st Provisional Co., B. D. School O. T. C., Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Why not write him a few lines as we know he will appreciate hearing from his friends.

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them for about a year when one day in May, 1939, I had the opportunity to have a very outstanding breeder of Checkered Giants, Harold Converse, from Fairport, New York, call on me.

He looked over my one-horse rabbitry and we discussed rabbits

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for awhile, and before he left I gave him an order for a trio of Junior Checkered Giants to be delivered in September. During this time I closed out on my mongrels and built three new hutches to put my Checkered Giants in upon their arrival. I received them in the best of condition and was very much pleased with them.

Since then I have been in the rabbit business and my advice to any beginner, who thinks of going into the rabbit business is to give Checkered Giants a trial. You will find that they are an outstanding rabbit from the meat, laboratory as well as the fancy standpoint.

All of mine have made excellent mothers. The litters are even in size, and I seldom ever lose a baby rabbit.

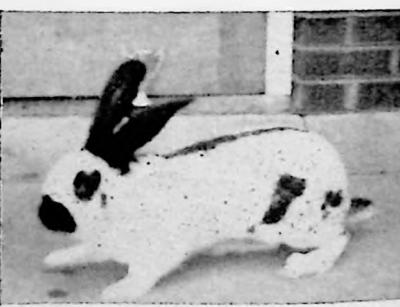
It is an easy matter to raise only the nicely marked Checkered Giants. I go through the litter a few hours after birth and discard all poorly marked rabbits if the mother has too large a litter. I usually leave five or six with her. This gives the nicely marked Checkered Giant babies more milk and a better chance to develop into bigger and finer animals.

At the age of 8 to 12 weeks, my Checkered Giants are ready for market. At 7 weeks I take them away from their mother. The does for laboratory purposes are put into separate pens where they remain until the hospital calls for them. The breeders are put into their pens.

I have never regretted the day that I bought my Checkered Giants. I spend much time with them and as a result, I have worked up a good meat trade. In this town may people had never tasted rabbit. I am supplying two hospitals with all their laboratory stock. Also I have sold much breeding stock.

I hope to keep on expanding my business and I think there is going to be a better outlook for rabbits in the future.

And now that my story with Checkered Giants is about to end, my advice to all breeders who are thinking of raising rabbits is to obtain a better grade of stock at a little more cost, and you will find yourselves better satisfied in the long run, and do not forget to spend a dollar for a subscription to SMALL STOCK MAGAZINE which is a great help to any breeder.



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A Dream and a Promise Come True

By MRS. LESTER C. WELLS, Indianapolis, Indiana

The picture on the cover of this magazine is a picture of myself in my Checkered Giant fur coat. Ever since the first time I saw these beautiful rabbits I thought what a lovely coat they would make. In talking this over with Mr. Wells, he promised that he would save his best pelts and I should have a coat made. It seemed that something always delayed it until this last year, 1941, when the furs were really all ready to go to the tanners and I knew I would have this coat to wear to the national convention held at Fort Wayne. We sent the pelts to Mr. Vandeweghe of New York and he did a fine job. We then took them to C. O. Free of Indianapolis, Ind., a furrier, and he and Mr. Wells spent some time lining them out so they would look and show up in the natural

markings. There are 13 pelts in the coat and one in the hat. The coat is 29 inches long and has a powder rose lining. The cost of making was \$50 for the coat and \$6.50 for the hat, but they are worth much more than that to me. I do not consider it an evening wrap. To me it is a novelty sport coat and I wear it where and when I please. As it is so attractive, I have had to get used to people turning around and pointing to it. I have never had any one stop and ask me what it was made of, but clerks in stores who were waiting on me have remarked how pretty it was and asked of what kind of fur it was made. As I have said, I was a long time waiting for it, but at last my dream and Mr. Wells' promise came true, and I love my beautiful Checkered Giant coat.

Experiments with Checkered Giant Rabbit Pelts

By MRS. RALPH BLACK, Hammond, Indiana

I decided to experiment with Checkered Giant rabbit pelts and have a little fun besides. So to start with, I got five large beautiful Checkered Giant pelts from Dewey Sliger, an uncle of mine who raises a lot of fine Checkered Giants. After this the fun really started. I decided to do all the necessary work myself, so I then scraped off all the fat, following which I put the pelts down in brine. The brine was very inex-

pensive, costing about 50 cents. It took about two weeks time to complete the pickling process which incidentally is rather smelly. After this, I washed the pelts in soap water to try and remove some of the brine odor, then rinsed them and hung them out to drain and dry. After this I rubbed and stretched and worked the pelts very well to soften them up, and then put them down in bath crystals to get rid of the smell that still seemed to cling. It was really some fun, and even though it did smell terrible, it was a very interesting experiment.

After this important bit of the process was completed, the rest was a lot more pleasant. I next secured a coat and cap pattern with which to complete the design. I traced out the pattern on the pelts, and used a sharp razor blade to cut out the design. However, before this step of the job had progressed very far, I began to wonder which was worse, having to contend with the brine smell that seemed so bad, or having to contend with loose rabbit hair getting in my nose. I must admit that both were a lot of fun while it lasted.

The final task was to sew the pelt designs together and line the coat and cap. It was not an easy task to sew through the skins, but little by little I finally completed the experiment. It was truly a lot of fun, and as a result I was able to present my little girl with a beautiful Checkered Giant fur coat and cap at a cost of only \$1.50 for brine and lining material. It was well worth my while and very interesting.



Picture of LaNoma Black, sporting a new Checkered Giant coat and cap, handmade by her mother, Mrs. Ralph Black, 1148 State St., Hammond, Indiana.

The Story of a Checkered Giant Jacket

By HERB LAYTON, Rocky River, Ohio

This jacket took 16 pelts to make and 2 pelts to make the hat. I had an idea to advertise my Checkered Giants, so this is the way I started:

I made this jacket myself. It took me about 3 months to make in my spare time. My wife nearly threw me out several times on account of having fur all over the house. First of all, I made a pattern of the jacket, then cut the tanned hides to fit, and sewed each cut together as I cut them out using a buttonhole stitch with which to sew them. After getting the furs all together, (and it started to look something like a jacket) I made a lining to fit inside of the furs and sewed the edges together and trimmed the rough edges off. There you have the jacket at a cost of 18 skins at 25 cents - \$4.25. Material for lining - \$3.00 and a zipper for front of garment - \$1.10. Total - \$8.60. Now my time and labor I'll let you figure that out.



Picture of Hat and Jacket made of Checkered Giant furs made by Herb Layton, himself, 20885 Stamford Ave., S. W., Rocky River, O.

THE TYPE OF THE CHECKERED GIANT

By I. R. (JAKE) HOLMES, Calumet City, Illinois

I think that type is one of the most important points about the Checkered Giant or the breeding of any animal. I have been raised as a true fancer. My dad being a breeder of fancy poultry, Duroc hogs, and dairy cattle, he always said to look for type first in selecting show stock or breeding stock. Therefore, being a crank on type by having had it bred into me, I have agreed to write this article on "The Type of the Checkered Giant."

Our standard calls for a well-arched back which means just that. How are we going to get that well-arched back, you might

ask? There are two things that go together here that will give you the well-arched back: First, long front legs that are good and straight; second, it may sound funny to some, but a short neck set well into the shoulders. The short neck is necessary in order to get the arched back. Of course, you can get an arched back without the short neck, but it will not start from where it should start. If we have a short neck, our arch will start back of the head; whereas, if we have a long neck, it will most always start at the back of the shoulders, and that will be Flemish type. The



Picture of Ivan R. Holmes and sons, showing four different colors of Checkered Giants. Left to right: Blue, Black, Gray and Red and White.

long front legs will also give us the daylight under the body that is required in the standard.

Now something about the body of the Checkered Giant: We do not want a long narrow rabbit; neither do we want a wedge-shaped rabbit. However, we do want a long rabbit, and I am going to say as long as possible since there is no limit in our weight for the Checkered Giant, we want this length to be slightly tapered to the front, but not so much that the rabbit appears to be wedge-shaped. One of the things that we have overlooked for a long time has been the cut-off hindquarters. We are allowed a cut, but it seems to me some judges have more than once placed chopped-off Checkered Giants as best of breed. Of course, there is a cut on type, but it has been overlooked and will be overlooked until we state more clearly in our standard to cut severely for chopped-off hindquarters and a severe cut means the limit allowed. To those who might read this article and who do not raise rabbits but might some day, what we mean by chopped-off hindquarters is that when the back of a rabbit does not round out back of the two hip bones but comes straight down, this means cut off or chopped off and can be very easily seen, thus spoiling the whole appearance of the rabbit.

The ears are included also in the points on type and must be straight, set close together, and length should be in comparison with the length of the body, but not under 5½ inches. If you want the ears to be nice and straight keep them set close together at the base with a good heavy base.

The head is also one of the most important. Most breeders will look at the head first when buying a Checkered Giant. Why? Because they want a nice clean head, a well-shaped head. We have four different markings on the head which means we must have a large head or we will not have room to space the markings without crowding them. No doubt, some of them will connect one to another, so keep away from the ones that have a pointed nose and a narrow head. Do not think that we want the bulldog head. However, I prefer a bulldog head to a long narrow head or a pointed nose. Remember these few facts—long front legs, short

neck, a good bold chest and a well-sized head when you are breeding Checkered Giants and you will get the desired type.

I have seen many a judge that never gives the Checkered Giants a chance to show their type on the judging table, but it was not always the fault of the judge, and the best marked ones would win regardless of their type, forgetting that we have 25 points for type. Sometimes the judge does not have room to properly judge the Checkered Giants and can not see the type of each one as perhaps he would like to; therefore, he might make a mistake, although not purposely. Some of the local clubs do not take into consideration when setting up their judging table that all rabbits are not judged alike. So, when you set up your judging table for your next show, be sure that you have room for the Checkered Giants to hop around and enough coops to put all the rabbits in a coop before the judge in order that he will be able to see the type in their natural pose and the Checkered Giants will not have to be manhandled by a few spectators.

CHECKERED GIANTS, A SOUND INVESTMENT

(continued from page 5)

Here is a great advantage in the Checkered Giants over the solid colored breeds because at six weeks you can take out the meat and laboratory youngsters and give the best marked ones a couple more weeks with the nurse doe to get that extra exhibition weight. Whereas, on the other hand, if you were raising solid colored breeds, you can not really tell whether you are going to have good development or not; also, you can not pick out the good colored ones until the baby hair is shed out.

Checkered Giants grow just as fast, if not faster, the first three months than any breed in the standard. Thus you have a fast-developing fryer at small cost, plus the knowledge that you have a well-marked one or two to add to your profits when sold as a show specimen or breeder, and take it from me, the latter sale out of the litter is what swells the profits.

You can get as much out of a 3-months-old Checkered Giant

that is marked well as the other breeders who raise solid-colored breeds can get out of 8 to 12-months-old stock, because they have to hold them these extra months until they develop and sell them on size and color.

To keep your overhead down in the summer, it is a good plan to feed sweet corn fodder during the season when you can get it and feed it green. After the ears are removed for the family table, cut the stalks down and chop in about 3 pieces, feeding the top slender stalks to young stock and coarse bottoms to the older stock. This is the only green feed I have any faith in. It will not sour and cause trouble in your stock. The rabbits will eat all the leaves and chew up every bit of the stock. Plantings should start early in April and plant each week up till July 1. This alone will save your alfalfa supply for winter.

Checkered Giants are without a doubt a sound investment, as no other livestock produces as much meat in comparison to the grain consumed. Those of you who have gardens, both flowers and vegetables, should keep a few rabbits for the good the fertilizer does for you. To you rose garden specialists, do not forget that rotted rabbit manure provides an unequalled mulch. For potatoes, just sprinkle some fresh manure in the trenches before dropping seed and notice the yield. For melons and cucumbers, just try this: Space hills 4 feet apart each way, and at each hill, with a posthole digger, dig a hole 9 inches deep; fill with rotten rabbit manure; over this sift 2 inches of soil; place seeds and cover with another one-inch of fine soil and tamp down with hands.

During this war most state fairs were cancelled in order to offer their spacious buildings and as well as their grounds in which to store military equipment. The state fair boards are urging all livestock groups to continue their state meets and shows at the small county fairs. They realize that to discontinue shows is sure death to the purebred livestock and no one wants to see this happen. Breeders of livestock meeting at the shows confer and exchange experiences on matings, feed, diseases, etc., which is very valuable.

You are not being patriotic by simply cancelling rabbit shows for no reason. You are discouraging the work toward the standard of perfection. I am very glad that the American Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association was this broadminded in continuing the national convention at Denver, Colo.

Bigger and better shows for 1942! Let's show the world we are determined to produce all we can from healthy qualified breeding stock, thus assuring our country of a good supply of healthy vigorous rabbits from which it can be called upon to supply good purebred breeding stock to the extent, or nearly so, supply in other lands after the war, and to supply the laboratory with very healthy stock whose parents were not afraid of the showroom.



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Checkered Giant, the Rabbit Wonderful

By WM. (BILL) HISER, Ann Arbor, Michigan

If you are an average person, you can remember the days when as a little tot you lived for the day when you too would become a policeman, train engineer, fireman, cowboy, or some other very special person. It has always been interesting to me to see how few of us realize our childhood dreams. My Checkered Giants represent the realization of one of my childhood desires.

As a youngster I can remember my father taking me to the state fair, and always the rabbits were the high lights of the day. Always, the spotted rabbits were the "Rabbit Beautiful" that appealed to us both.

So it was only natural that at the age of 12 I purchased my first spotted rabbits. In those days Checkered Giants were hard to find, especially in Michigan.

During the years since, I believe that I have raised all of the popular breeds and finally am convinced that the "Rabbit Beautiful" is also the "Rabbit Wonderful."

The Checkered Giant more than any other utility breed taxes the skill and knowledge of the experienced breeder. Let no one tell you that producing consistant winners is due to chance alone. It is due to hard work and a thorough knowledge and application of genetics and laws of heredity. Always your enjoyment is measured by the amount of effort exerted.

Now please do not get the idea that only the expert can raise Checkered Giants. That is not so. Anyone can buy good Checkered Giants and produce from them good rabbits. But like all other fine things in order to continue the good work you will have to know what you are trying to do and how to go about it. Your membership in the American Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association and the American Checkered Giant Club as well as your SMALL STOCK MAGAZINE will furnish you with all the necessary knowledge for producing the rabbit you want.

Nothing is more beautiful in all rabbitdom than a litter of Checkered Giants poking their noses

out of the nest box for the first time — beautiful in every detail with spine, side markings, eye circles, cheek spots and butterfly complete in the palm of your hand. Every time I fondle one of these babies I cannot help but feel a sense of pride and satisfaction because I know how easy it is to put the spots where they don't belong.

Although called a Giant, the "Rabbit Beautiful" is a medium large breed. The young at fryer age, if fed the same, will match any of the popular utility breeds point for point as a money-maker. They will dress out as nice a 2-pound carcass as can be found on the market. The meat can be produced in less time than the average. The Checkered Giant has a reputation of being a wonderful mother. Outstanding specimens will consistently bring higher prices than any other breed on the market.

My raw fur sales are not as profitable as the white hides. However, I still will average better with Checkered Giants than I ever did with whites. All the well-marked hides are tanned and are made up by a local furrier and sold locally. A set of four hides mounted on a black felt pad makes a beautiful throw for the davenport or singly for an easy chair. For evening wear the natural Checkered Giant garment is hard to beat. A coat in black and white for a little girl is about the last word. With a little effort on your part you will find that your hides will be reserved well in advance of your production schedule.

My greatest relaxation is attained when I am sitting on a box in the rabbitry watching my babies and realizing that beauty is where you find it. Any breed of rabbits that will keep a man wound up like an 8-day clock the greater share of his life must have plenty of "it."

I am sure that if you are considering a new breed or are beginning in rabbits and you decide on the Checkered Giant, the "Rabbit Beautiful," you will be sure to agree with me that they are also the "Rabbit Wonderful."



Courtesy of Al DeVries, 1317 Fuller Ave., S. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan

Always A Checkered Giant Breeder

By SID HAMPSON, Honeoye Falls, New York

I like all breeds of rabbits, but my favorite has always been Checkered Giants. It is a hobby fancy with me. My Checkered Giants are to me the same as dogs or cats are to other persons. We want to have our favorite animal around us if it is possible. The small amount of feed Checkered Giants consume never is considered. If Checkered Giant breeders sold for only a quarter each, it would make no difference. If it is possible, I must have a few around.

The rabbit is a pet to me; therefore, I do not eat them. I have a large family and they all like to eat rabbit. After 26 years of raising rabbits, it was not until two years ago that I finally killed one. I do not like the job a bit. I bet you are saying by this time that I am just an old sissie. No, I've done a hitch in the navy and sailed on some tough old tramp ships. You are not much of a sissie when you have had some of that life.

Surprising as it may seem after penning the above, I have nothing against the commercial breeders. That is their business. Let them talk about the fryers, the roasters and the stewers. I prefer a good continuous 48-hour talk about the Checkered Giant markings and type with a little fur thrown in. It sort of "gets you" raising Checkered Giants. Once a Checkered Giant breeder always a Checkered Giant breeder. This results in being able to meet with so many old-timers at the shows, who being with one breed so long, usually know what they are talking about.

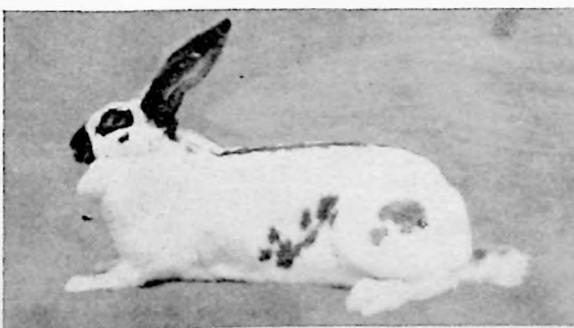
Like most everything else, there is a lot of difference in the Checkered Giants of today in comparison to 10 or 20 years ago. You have got to have those markings just about right to get anywhere in the showroom today. The standard of the American Checkered Giant Club is the only recognized one, and it is tough, but that is how it should be. Of course, we will never have a standard to suit us all. The one fault I find with the standard is the discolored toe-nail, and for

this reason, we are always priding ourselves about being able to discard the off-marked ones at birth if we so wish. Yet some Checkered Giants do not develop this fault until they are a year or so old—sometimes not until after they have won in 2 or 3 shows. It has always appeared a little foolish to me to see an almost perfect animal disqualified for a discolored toe-nail.

Some of you are apt to think I have had several of my own stock disqualified and that that is why I am so against this fault. Fortunately, I am pleased to say I have yet to have my first one disqualified for discolored toe-nails.

If you have been raising Checkered Giants for a number of years, you very often get asked the question, "What about the judging at shows?" As for myself I think the judging of today is very fair. Most judges know what they are doing or they would not be judging. Most breeders of today know their breed so well that a judge is not working if he can not do the job right. There is one thing I would like to see the judge do when judging Checkered Giants, which would encourage the breeder; that is, when he comes to a specimen that has one of those extra good earbases capped with a beautiful pair of ears, or perhaps it may have one of those inch-wide spine markings from the base of the ears to the tail that does not vary a fraction of an inch, or side markings that are well down, well separated and well back or any other outstanding feature, if he would only say something about these things above a whisper, we would all think he were like General MacArthur.

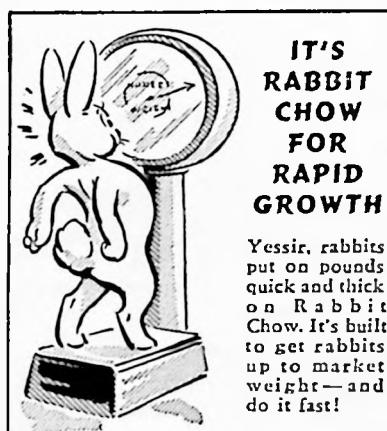
Finally, if you already have one breed of rabbits, but are thinking of trying another, make it Checkered Giants. You will have no regrets. Watch the crowd around the Checkered Giants at the show. Listen to the enthusiasm and be convinced. Read SMALL STOCK MAGAZINE and join the American Checkered Giant Club for your copy of the Standard of Perfection and Guide Book.



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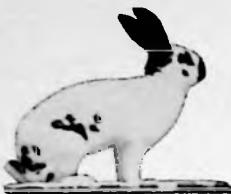


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CHECKERED GIANTS AS A 4-H PROJECT

By WAYNE WILLMANN, St. Marys, Ohio

I do not think I need to say anything about the fine work that 4-H clubs are doing for the boys and girls of America. But why do not more 4-H boys and girls pick out the Checkered Giant Rabbit as their project? That is a question I wish someone would try to answer.

For the life of me, I cannot understand why so many boys and girls have passed up the chance to raise Checkered Giants for exhibition where ribbons can be won and a lot of nice people will be met. Youth loves competition in sports. Just think how

many of them have missed the grand sport of meeting a bunch of eager and enthusiastic Checkered Giant breeders. The judges will tell the youth that there is no bunch of rabbit breeders that can stir up more fun and arguments of a good nature than the Checkered Giant breeders. If you like to hear the player talk back to the umpire or the referee, just go to a rabbit show and hear the Checkered Giant breeder in a friendly argument with the judge. It is lots of fun. How sad to think that youth misses all this by not

including the Checkered Giant in his 4-H work.

If you do not care for competition, then select the Checkered Giant for the meat and fur. The meat is grown as rapidly as any breed. The carcass does not have the large bone of the Flemish, so the percentage of waste is less. At 8 weeks of age you can have a nice two-pound dressed fryer. And the fur—how about that? Here again, youth has missed something. Checkered Giant furs make wonderful, warm, and attractive caps for both boys and girls. Wear them all winter to school. Wear them to your school functions. Wear them on the school bus. Advertise your 4-H project with the most distinctive headgear in the community. The black spots on the white background give you something that you can not get, except from the Checkered Giant. Make these furs into jackets and coats. Use the fur on sleeves and

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So young folks, investigate the possibilities of raising Checkered Giants. Only a small space is needed. Not much time is required where you keep only a few. Your returns will be surprising. Your joy will be great, for no two of them are marked exactly alike. There is always great anxiety until the new litter is examined to see what mother bunny has tucked away in that soft warm bed of fur. All the boys and girls in the club will envy you. Then they will want some. Your sales will begin. Checkered Giant breeders will increase in number. We old-timers will have more competition. That will help keep us young and active. We will all have more fun. And with the fun, we will have more food, more fur, and that is what Uncle Sam wants.

What a challenge to the youth of America! 4-H plus Checkered Giants will be the dawning of a new day for many of our youth. Will you be one of the lucky beginners?

CHECKERED GIANTS FOR BEGINNERS

By NORG DICK, Lima, Ohio

I have been raising Checkered Giant rabbits for some time now and find they are the most interesting rabbit I have ever raised. I do not claim to know very much about Checkered Giants or any other breed, but I do know that every time I have a new litter of Checkered Giants I just can not wait to get a peek in the nest box and see what I have. It is just like Christmas morning every time I have a new litter.

There is one thing about a Checkered Giant that no solid colored rabbit has and that is when you look at a new litter you know right then just what is good and what is bad. If the doe has 9 or 10 young and you want to cut the litter down to 6, there is no guess work about which ones to take out. You are absolutely sure you are not taking out a good one as you may often do with the solid colored rabbits.

Now we are coming to the beginner and the Checkered Giant is the real rabbit for him. He does not know a good rabbit from a poor specimen. So what is he to do but only one thing. First, join the American Checkered Giant Club. He will receive his News Bulletin with a list of reliable Checkered Giant breeders. He will also receive a standard book of the Checkered Giant rabbit (Guide Book), telling him just how a Checkered Giant should be marked and what he should try to produce to get that perfect marked Checkered Giant we all try to get. There will be plenty of pictures of Checkered Giants in

it for him to study. Also plenty of other information on feeding and care of the Checkered Giants.

He should then go to a Checkered Giant breeder and buy his stock. This man will give him advice and information on his Checkered Giants. Always start with as good a stock as you can afford to buy. Never start with poor stock. Now he has his breeding stock and when he gets his first litter he will find what a joy it is to look in a nest box and see a litter of young with no two alike. If he looks his standard over, he will not need an old-timer to tell him what rabbits are good and what are not. He will be able to pick out his good ones and watch them grow. If he has got good blood back of his stock, he should not have trouble in getting his type and size which is attained only by carefully breeding and hard work by the old-timer.

Now the old-timer has done all this work for the new beginner, and if he will follow the advice of the old breeder, he will get along fine and will be able to go to the shows and do some of that winning himself. So why not get yourself some Checkered Giants and really enjoy raising rabbits.

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STORY OF THE CHECKERED GIANT OF THE YEAR 1942

By R. W. BRUMBAUGH, Arcanum, Ohio



Blue and White Checkered Giant doe, owned by R. W. Brumbaugh. This doe has a record of 4 firsts, 1 third and 3 awards as Best Blue Checkered Giant in show.

Do not get discouraged. You, too, may have a winner. And then—Oh, Boy! You really feel that it has been worth all the headaches, heartaches and mental agonies that a thoroughbred American Checkered Giant breeder has to go through sometimes. I really did not intend to divulge all the secrets of my experiences in raising Checkered Giants at this time. However, our very good secretary, L. L. Biskie, of the American Checkered Giant Club rather put me on the spot in our last American Checkered Giant "News Bulletin" by telling the world what good Checkered Giants I showed at the "Buckeye All American" Checkered Giant Show sponsored by the Ohio Checkered Giant Club, held at Columbus, Ohio, April 10, 11, 12, 1942, and "The National" Checkered Giant Show held at Crown Point, Ind., on May 1, 2, 3, 1942, and sponsored by the Illinois-Indiana Checkered Giant Club. He even went so far as to invite extra competition in showing against one 6-8 month Checkered Giant doe. I showed at these two shows.

Naturally I am proud of this Black doe. Also a 6-8 month Blue doe that is a litter mate. I am especially proud of the fact that these does are the results of my own Checkered Giant breeding, as I have raised them both. The black doe placed as follows in the Columbus, Ohio, show: 1st 6-8 Black; Best 6-8; Best Black; Best Checkered Giant of 149 Checkered Giants in the show. At Crown Point, Ind., she placed as follows with 93 Checkered Giants in the show: Best 6-8; Best Black; Best Colored Black; Best Spine; Best Side Markings and Best Checkered Giant.

However, this Black doe is not perfect and is not unbeatable. So come on you Checkered Giant breeders and let's see who has the best Checkered Giant in the U. S. A. I do not want anyone to be misled by Mr. Biskie's remarks about this doe. What he failed to tell you was the fact that my Checkered Giants are not all so good. However, I want to thank Mr. Biskie for his nice remarks. Also for not telling any more, as it might have been rather embarrassing if he told all he knew.

Nevertheless, I am proud that I have been able to produce a few good Checkered Giants in the few years I have been raising them. I can not refrain from telling you a few of the things I attribute to this success. I sincerely believe that a lot of Checkered Giant breeders and would-be breeders would be more successful in producing and raising them if they would apply some of the things I am about to say.

The most important thing in my estimation in raising Checkered Giants is the securing of good foundation stock. Not necessarily the best show rabbits, but stock that is from good produc-

ing blood lines. I think that many a would-be breeder of Checkered Giants fell by the wayside because he or she did not have good foundation stock with which to start. Others perhaps had the stock, but did not have the patience to stay with them and try to improve them. Here is one thing any Checkered Giant breeder must bear in mind; that you have everything to get on a Checkered Giant that you have on any other breed, plus the markings. This is why I enjoy raising them. I think the same is true of hundreds of other breeders. There is always something that urges you on to try and produce that perfect Checkered Giant. I truly believe any successful breeder of them can be successful breeder of almost any other breed of rabbits. The question often comes to the beginner especially, "Where can I procure this good foundation stock?" Also "Where can I learn just what I should know about them to be a successful breeder?"

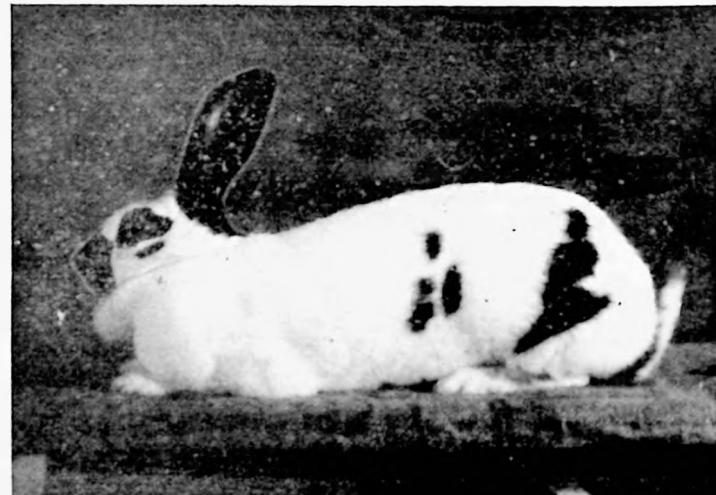
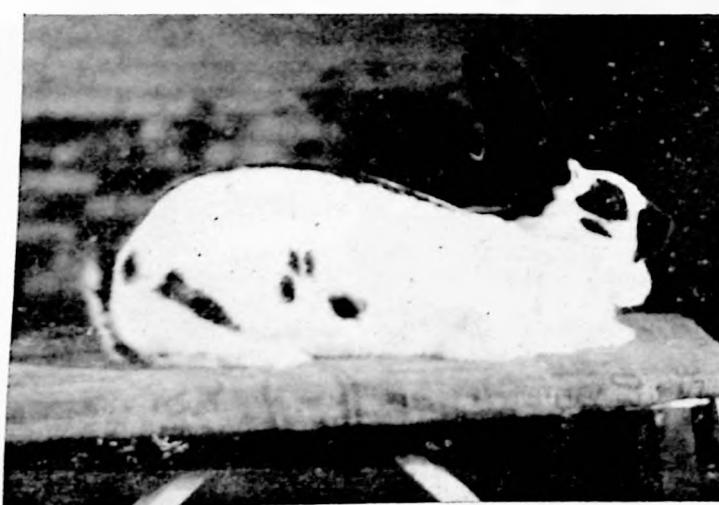
The first thing I would advise any Checkered Giant breeder to do would be to join the American Checkered Giant Club; subscribe for SMALL STOCK MAGAZINE and contact some good, reliable successful breeder. By doing these, you will receive the American Checkered Giant Standard so that you will know what you must produce to have a good Checkered Giant. You also will receive a list of good reliable breeders of whom to secure stock. In SMALL STOCK MAGAZINE you can find articles from time to time on almost any phase of rabbit industry. Also a good breeders' directory and many times stock listed for sale.

By contacting a good, reliable Checkered Giant breeder, you will

also benefit not only by securing good foundation stock, but you can also secure valuable information about breeding and raising better Checkered Giant rabbits.

Here is how I got started to raising Checkered Giants. I did not even know there was such an organization as American Checkered Giant Club or SMALL STOCK MAGAZINE. In fact, I was just a very dumb would-be "rabbit" raiser. A real victim for any unreliable breeder if one had happened around at that time. However, good fortune was with me in guiding me to one of the good, successful breeders I have suggested you contact. My meeting this breeder was just plain luck as I did not know him nor did he know of me. This breeder happened to be one of those real sports that has always been honest and fair in his dealings, and always willing to help any beginner in any way possible to make a successful breeder of himself. I refer you to no other than Oscar N. Straight, of 430 E. Fourth street, Greenville, Ohio. Many of you know him. Anyone that does, cannot but admire him for his earnest efforts put forth for the betterment of the rabbit industry as a whole. He is truly one of those real Checkered Giant sports we hear about and wonder if it is true.

You may think this is an advertising scheme between Oscar and me. No, not at all, as he does not even know I am writing this. The whole thing I am trying to impress upon you is the fact that there are a lot of good Checkered Giant breeders who are just as willing to help you as Oscar was to help me. Also, I know if you contact one of the breeders and take their advice, you will be a member of the American Checkered Giant Club. Also, you will subscribe for the



Above you will see the outstanding Checkered Giant of the year 1942. This doe was judged the best Checkered Giant at Columbus, Ohio in a class of 149 and was also the best at the Illinois-Indiana National Checkered Giant Show in a class of 93. We are showing both sides of this doe so our readers will get an idea of the ideal markings which placed her at the top. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brumbaugh, Arcanum, Ohio, are the owners of this wonderful doe.

SMALL STOCK MAGAZINE and you will not fail in your efforts.

Now to all Checkered Giant Breeders: Let's help our fellow breeder and the beginner all we can. Let's be fair and square with him. If our Checkered Giants are not so good in one respect or the other, why not tell him so? If they have good qualities, tell him about them. Let's treat them as we would like to be treated ourselves. I am sure that we will all profit by it as there is a wonderful future for the rabbit industry as a whole, if we breeders will just wake up and help

develop it. And who, may I ask, has any better breed than our own Checkered Giants? It is truly the ideal all-purpose rabbit of today.

Where is there a better show animal for the fancier, a better laboratory animal, a more excellent meat rabbit, and who has a fur that is any showier than a Checkered Giant? We breeders now cannot begin to meet the demand for them.

So let's get more breeders interested and really make our Checkered Giants the outstanding breed in the rabbit industry.

Lady Luck and Checkered Giant Rabbits

By DEWEY C. SLIGER, Hammond, Indiana

When I started raising rabbits, I bought the best doe and buck I could get. When the little ones came there was always something wrong. Markings were off or the color was bad. There was not a first show winner in my two years of breeding. But I had good type and size and a large herd built up.

The boys in the Checkered Giant Club came over to see my rabbits. They would laugh and say "Just some more for the meat pen." I did not get discouraged. The more they razzed me, the more I made up my mind that I was going to show them that I, too, could raise some show winners. So I just kept on trying. With the help of Lady Luck, there was a nice show winner in one of my litters. She took the best junior in the show. I was happy and thought I was on my way with Lady Luck. Just three days after the show, old Lady Bad Luck stepped in. Some one stole her. I felt very blue. I went over to see one of my club members. He gave me a little pep talk. He also told me if I would get a Blue buck

and breed with my Black Checkered Giant does, my color would improve. So I bought one from him. His markings were not good and he was small. He was also very mean. When I would feed or clean his coop he would bite or scratch me. One day he tore my cap in bits. I named him Hitler, so you know he was bad. I bred one of my does with him and her first litter gave me two nice rabbits—well marked and good color, real show rabbits. That was worth all my work, and after trying for three years with this buck, I found that he made a perfect combination with three of my breeding does, and I got plenty of nice show rabbits for two years.

The demand for my stock was so great and prices so good I sold too close. Then old Lady Bad Luck stepped in. My Blue buck died as did some of my best breeding does. This broke my combination, and I had to try out my young stock I had left which then took about two years for me to get back in the shows again.

I do not want you new breeders to get discouraged overnight. Just keep on trying and Lady

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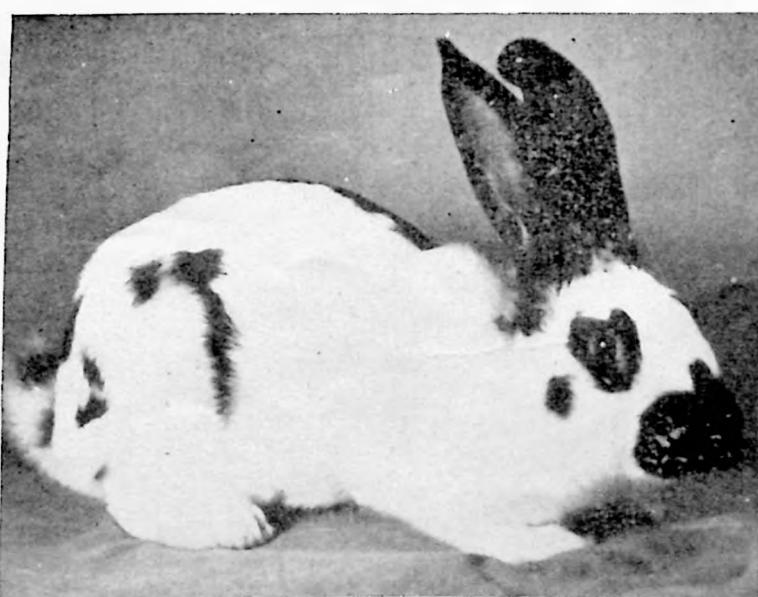
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Quality in Checkered Giants

By EUGENE B. SHULTZ, JR., Alton, Illinois

In raising livestock, whether it be dairy cattle, beef cattle, hogs, poultry or domestic rabbits, it is always more profitable and satisfactory to raise thoroughbreds. The purebred eats no more feed and, outside of the extra initial cost for good foundation stock, the actual feed cost and running expense is less. Feed costs are less because thoroughbreds produce more pounds of meat for each pound of feed than mixed or scrub stock. Other expenses are lower because in order to maintain and increase the quality of a purebred strain there is more vitality and less loss from disease due to better foundation stock and more attention to the principles of scientific breeding. The appearance of thoroughbreds increases personal satisfaction and pride of ownership.

In raising thoroughbreds, it is usually best to specialize in only one breed. Concentration and time devoted to one breed is most apt to secure higher quality. A reputation built up over a period of time in specializing in only one breed also has good advertising value.

Thoroughbred Checkered Giants are a breed that any beginner can safely choose and never wish to change. We picked them originally because their color,

markings and size attracted our attention. We have since learned that they produce litters of four to five-pound fryers at eight weeks of age and will do it easily four times a year and still maintain their standard weight and active vitality. This means less feed per fryer than many other breeds and extra hutches for the weaned fryers are not necessary as the young can be taken away from the does at the proper weight and age and dressed immediately for the meat and fur market. Only extra hutches for well-marked young that are kept for breeding stock and breeding stock sales are needed in the rabbitry. Sales of breeding stock are not hard to make for the attractive black color markings and the blue color markings of the Checkered Giant continue to draw the interested attention of visitors. A herd of fine show specimens in nicely painted, well built, clean hutches will make their own sales talk to the prospective purchaser. We have learned that the Checkered Giant is the best combination fancy show stock, in which we are interested, and also one of the best utility breeds for meat, which is necessary in order to support the raising of fancy stock.

One needs to raise a lot of rabbits, from which to choose and select in order to keep and maintain a string of fancy stock that meets the standard registration requirements of the breed. This is true of all breeds. Therefore a breed that produces a four to five-pound meat rabbit at the youngest age possible is very important or one's desire to raise fancy stock can easily turn into a very expensive hobby. The true lover of fancy may not be looking for profits but a fancy that pays its own way and shows a fair profit will afford more pleasure and enjoyment to most of them. For this reason the beginner should concentrate on the development of a profitable meat market in his vicinity. Once this has been done he will find that he cannot meet the demand for fryers as fast as they reach the proper weight. Then it is only a period of time when, by careful selection, he can say that every senior in the rabbitry is a registered animal of show quality.

It is the cheapest in the long run to start with registered stock or young stock guaranteed to be eligible for registration at senior weight. After all a pedigree is only a record of ancestry and several of the grand sires and great grand sires listed on a pedigree may be dead and gone with no way to tell whether they were really show specimens or "under weights," "lop ears," "charleys," or "solid black sports." However, if the pedigree shows registered ancestry, then the buyer knows that the animal is from a line of show quality and that long and patient selection and breeding was necessary for its production. The thoroughbred rabbit registration system is one of the few proofs of exceptional quality, as the candidate for registration has to be inspected and marked for life by a licensed registrar or judge. The standard of perfection has to be

met or the registration can not be made even though the rabbit may be the offspring of a pair of grand champions. The result is a constant improvement in quality. With other stock, individual inspection of the animal is not made. Certification by the breeder that the animal is the offspring of registered parents is all that is necessary. The result is the mark of a purebred strain but not a proof of exceptional standard and quality.

Constant regularity of cleaning and feeding are necessary to maintain and improve quality. Get a good feed and stick to it. A good commercial pellet and alfalfa hay produces the best results for us. The hay should be best of the fourth cutting and in order to be sure to have it the year around it is best to get it in the fall and store a year's supply. Does should not be allowed to raise more than six. They should be bred to litter only four times a year and in this locality the breeding schedule should be arranged so they do not kindle in June, July and August. A crop of young the last of May and the next one the first part of September automatically skips the hot months and at the same time keeps up the three-month schedule. Hutches should be roomy at least 10 square feet for each doe.

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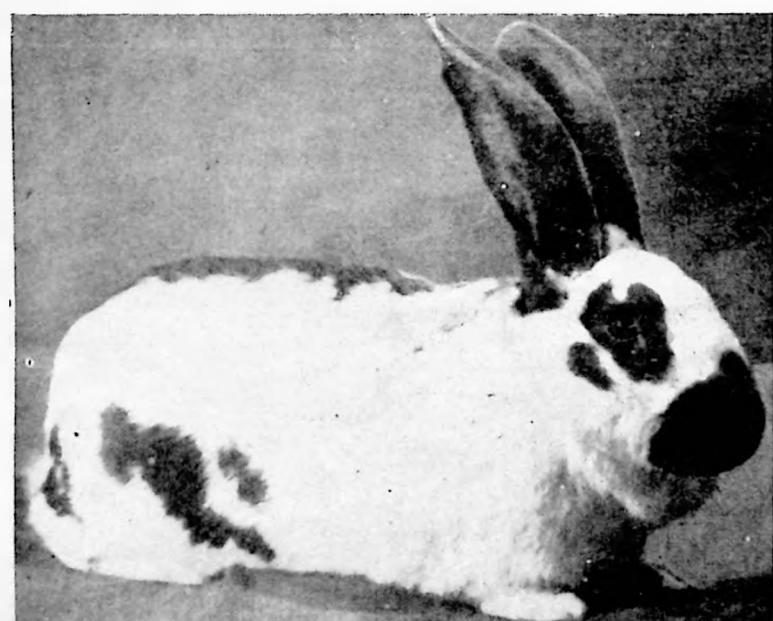
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when we meet them. That is the way I like to meet my Checkered Giants. If I can not look them in the face and feel happy, then I am greatly disappointed. When the markings on the rest of the Checkered Giant correspond in beauty and shape with a nice butterfly, then there is some real shouting, just like the kind we did as a child when we captured a prized specimen. We run into the house and show it to the wife and children. Then there is happiness in the family. It is just boyhood being lived again. Yes, that is right. Never lose the happiness of youth and life will always be interesting. Checkered Giants will turn an old man into a boy again, especially if he is chasing butterflies.

Watch for the nice ones. Do not let the fork of the butterfly get too long. Watch the wings that

they remain circular. I see too many with small slices of black removed or with little bumps extending out on the wing somewhere. Then along comes one with the fork resting over to one side such as a man with a stiff neck. Sometimes the color is faded. Get all the nice jet black into the butterflies that you can. It is not done with a brush. Watch your breeding combinations. Then cull closely.

You meet your Checkered Giants face to face. Give them something nice for the front of their heads. Keep right on chasing butterflies and your Checkered Giants will fill you with pride and happiness.

Do your feeding and petting mornings and nights and leave them alone during the middle of the day.

or split butterflies, but when I crossed in new blood with either sex, I got about four out of every five to be "Charlies" or sports. I thought by putting new blood in my stock I would stimulate their vitality. Now that I have done that, my next move is to start line-breeding again to try to get the markings back where I want them. So you can see that the work in breeding Checkered Giants is never done, as I have said before about the selecting of breeding stock. It will be interesting to those who breed Checkered Giants to take a snapshot picture of your stock as you go along each year, and compare them to see if you are making any progress in developing better-marked animals, because the perfect one has yet to be born.

Also, it is nice to keep a record of your progress and see how close you are coming to the standard of perfection. That is where the great interest comes in—trying to get the perfect animal.

Now we will take a look at our Checkered Giants for the show. If you will take notice, when a Checkered Giant gets on the table in the showroom, and observe how it poses with the other rabbits on the table, you will see that if it poses well, it will show itself off better than another rabbit which may be better marked, but which has poor posture. So place your Checkered Giants on a table, five or six at a time, and train them to be quiet and mannerly. If you do that, it surely helps a judge when he is judging a class to have well-mannered animals with which to work. Also, one of the reasons for a rabbit's winning a lot in large classes is because it is shown frequently in large classes and is handled so many times it is not nervous or scared of being hurt. That is why a rabbit sits still and shows its type, and such a rabbit will win over unruly and better-marked animals especially when the markings are closely matched.

Now, let's consider the fur of the Checkered Giant. (This is where I shine.) When a properly matched and tailored garment is made of such hides you would not want to see a more gorgeous or snappier looking piece of work. If we will recall the 1936 convention at Fort Wayne, I wore a jacket and hat made of Checkered Giant hides. From the way people stared at me, you would think I was something that dropped out of the

clouds or run away from the zoo. I could have sold that jacket more than 100 times. Everybody was asking questions about it and who made it and what it cost. Then in 1938 at the convention in Columbus, Ohio, I wore the same outfit and made the front pages of the daily newspapers, and that was a big boost for the Checkered Giant rabbits and incidentally some advertisement for me.

Now we come to the 1941 convention at Fort Wayne. I saw a lot of rabbit fur coats worn by ladies attending the convention, and whom do you think stole the show for the fur coats and jackets? None other than our first lady, Mrs. L. C. Wells with a lovely jacket and hat to match of Checkered Giant furs—and boys, it was a knockout! I'll say that those who did not see it in person really missed something.

You will hear some breeders say, "What can I do with my Checkered Giant furs I can't get much for them from a furrier so I just toss them in the ash can." Well, here are some of my ideas and what I've done with my Checkered Giant skins. I get them tanned, and some I sell for radio top pieces, chair back covers and small table pieces. I also have some backed with a piece of very flashy cloth of some kind that brings your fur colors out. You can get a pretty good price for them when they are dressed up that way and displayed in some prominent place like a store window where the public can see how attractive they are. I've also sold them for coat and dress trimmings. Now what bigger field would you want in which to see our Checkered Giant furs?

As for meat, what better commercial meat rabbits would you want? They develop at such an early age as to get between 2 and 3-pound dressed fliers at 9 and 10 weeks, and I do not know of a breed that will give you as compact and plump pieces of meat to sell as our good old Checkered Giants will.

Now you can see why Checkered Giants are outstanding rabbits, for fancy and commercial purposes. I could go on telling you about our Checkered Giants forever, but I am going to cut it short here to conserve space and let the other fellows have a share at praising one of the most beautiful breeds of rabbits in the good old U. S. A.



A 14-lb. Doe with light side markings. Courtesy of Herb Layton, 20885 Stanford Ave., S. W., Rocky River, Ohio.

I have raised Checkered Giants for the last 10 or 12 years. In my opinion they are of the nicest and most profitable rabbits to raise, because as I see them, you have so many things for which to breed.

First, if we take the Checkered Giant of 10 or 12 years ago and compare a picture of one that far back with the Checkered Giants of today, it is easy to see how we have improved the markings over the entire body. The change is remarkable. When you compare the vast difference, they do not look like the same breed of rabbits. Now we will take some of the markings separately, the head for instance. Look at the Checkered Giants in the showrooms or go to the breeders' rabbitry and you will see nice clean heads. We

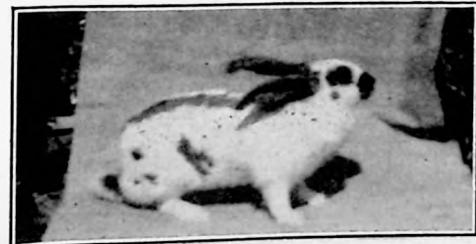
have accomplished this through constant selection of our breeding stock. We have cleaned the head by breeding smaller eye circles, which is one of the most important factors in keeping away from connections of the markings of the head, which will result in disqualification when you have more than one marking on the head connected.

It is much better to look at a Checkered Giant with a good clean head and a nice black cap down to the earbase than it was a few years ago when the white hairs ran half way up their ears, and stray spots and drags all over their heads.

You will notice that the spines are narrower and appear much neater. The side markings vary quite a bit, but they are pretty well balanced and that is better than having them look as if they were paint-brush cleaners.

We surely thought we had something then, but look at them today and you can see what has been accomplished in these late years.

When I started to select my breeders, I picked a clean-headed rabbit—as clean as I could get, and one which had small eye circles. I found that by line-breeding them I got pretty nearly what I wanted with very few "Charlies"



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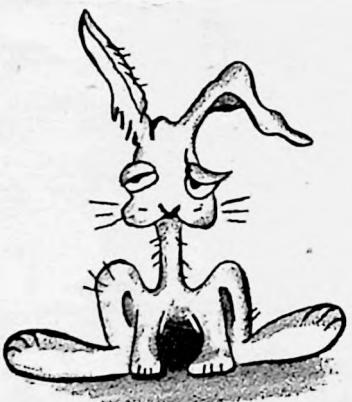


Greta registered 95 points at Leipsic, Germany. Weight 15 1/2 lbs. Courtesy Pioneer Breeder, Wm. J. Schaefer, 134 S. Hardy St., Kansas City, Missouri.



Picture of Judge R. B. (Bob) Shoptaw, Indianapolis, Ind., showing what he means by really having a good time at the Checkered Giant Shows. This is a surprise on Bob, but we have him with the goods, walking off with the prizes, including the box of ribbons.

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Why Checkered Giants after Twenty Years?

By JUDGE BOB SHOPTAW, Indianapolis, Indiana

In 1916 I was raising Flemish and Belgian Hares, but not very good ones. So I made up my mind I would get a good Flemish doe. My income was limited, so I never got around very much, but I had a cousin living in Chicago that wanted me to visit her, so finally I made the trip and while there went to the rabbit show. I had \$20 in my pocket, and I told my wife I was going to buy a fine Flemish doe and I did not care how much it cost.

So I went to the show, and Oh, Boy! What did I see—Black and White, about 50; and did I forget about Flemish? I'll say I did. All I could see was Spotted Giants. That was their name then. So I made up my mind I would buy one of them, mind you now, I only had \$20. So I asked a man who owned those Spotted Giant rabbits and he said they were his. I said, "I want to buy a doe. How much do you ask for them?" He says: "Mr., I am asking \$50 each for these, but have some at home for \$25 or \$30." I nearly dropped right there, and I never got any doe, but made up my mind that some day I would have a Spotted Giant.

In 1917 I attended the Indianapolis show thinking I would try and get a pair of those beautiful Spotted Giants, but I ran into a New Zealand Red buck that I just couldn't pass up, so my \$25 went there, and I have had Red and White New Zealands ever since.

About 6 years ago I got to chumming around with a Checkered Giant breeder and we made a good many shows together. When we would get to a show,

he would make for the Checkered Giants and I would make for the New Zealands. Everytime I would look for my friend, L. C. Wells, he would be over by the Checkered Giants, and there would be a bunch of fellows with him. So I got to going around with this bunch, and they were all such good, real sports and fanciers, all the time. I said to Wells: "What are the dues for your club and how much do you want for a doe?" Right there I started with Checkered Giants and I want to say that in the last five years I have enjoyed more shows and friendship and good times than I ever did in 35 years with rabbits. And ladies and gentlemen, if you are thinking of rabbits and want a good live-wire bunch with whom to associate, get Checkered Giants and join the American Checkered Giant Club.

A few days ago a young man came out to my house and said: "Bob, I got Checkered Giants and I love them, but doggone if I get what I want to save my life. If I get a nice big type, they will have runs in the markings, or four or five spots forward. If I get one that is marked fairly good, I can not get it to weigh up to standard. I thought, Bob, your being an old-timer, you could help me." I said: "Boy, that's where the sport comes in, and if I could tell you how to get the spots in the right place, darn it, I would have 500 perfect Checkered Giants right now. But then, where would our sport be?"

I will close saying "Three cheers for Checkered Giants, for sport, for beauty, for fancy, for meat and for fur."

CHASING CHECKERED GIANT BUTTERFLIES

By WAYNE WILLMANN, St. Marys, Ohio

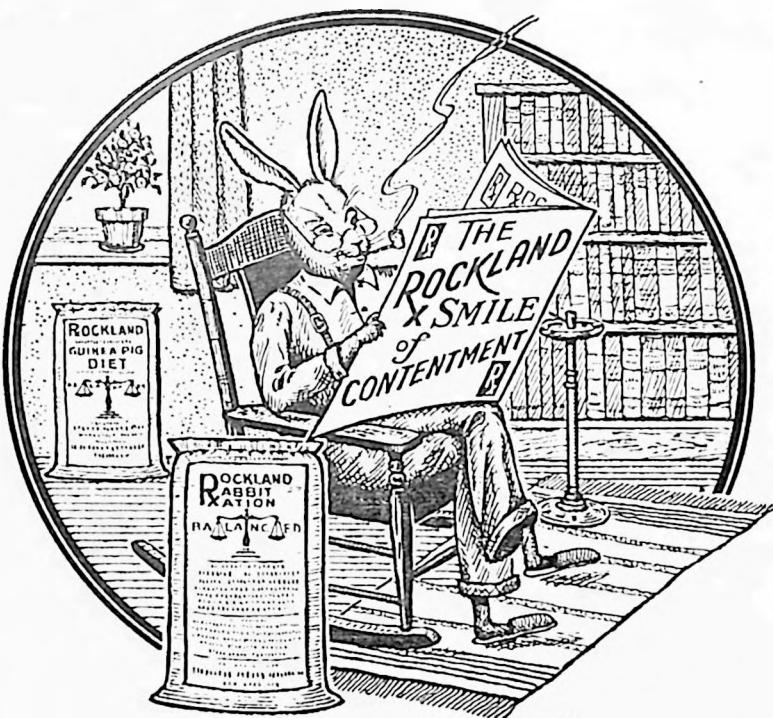
Almost every person has had the pleasure of chasing butterflies when a child. To run after them and see them escape our grasp was lots of fun. Once in awhile we were successful in catching one and running into the house to show mother and the family what a beautiful specimen we had found. Then there was joy among the brothers and sisters. Our parents felt proud that we were taking an interest in Mother Nature.

Then we grew older and chasing butterflies seemed out of place for an adult. But is it? Can we not chase butterflies even though we may be older and more dignified than several years ago? I maintain that we can.

Some of us are business and professional men and women, but we can still chase butterflies. But now we chase them on the end of a rabbit's nose. And the real

Many years ago the Checkered Giant did not have a butterfly on its nose, so now we still find one occasionally that has a split butterfly which we call a "charlie." Or another one may come along with half or more of the butterfly missing. Then again we may find one with a small white spot in the butterfly. All these weaknesses are a sign of that day when the Checkered Giant had no butterfly. So watch your butterfly. Do not keep any for breeders that show any weakness on the butterfly, as you are going backwards in your breeding instead of forward.

There is pleasure in chasing butterflies. For into every new nest we go. Picking up the little new-born babe, we look at its butterfly. If nice, we rejoice. If poor then the whole bunny loses its value. You know we usually see the face of a person first



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As proof of this, our association originated and sponsors the "National Checkered Giant Show" each year, during the first week of May. In May, 1942, we held our Fifth Annual "National Checkered Giant Show." This show is always outstanding for plenty of prizes, keen competition and real sportsmanship, being an exclusive Checkered Giant Show. So next time, if you want to show where competition is keen, plan to show with us next year. Start your breeding schedule plans now, as a win in our show is worth planning ahead for.

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AMERICAN CHECKERED GIANT

Size and Weight:

Points 10—Cuts 1 to 10.

Bucks 11 pounds or more; does 12 pounds or more. Cut 4 points for each half pound under these weights. All points equal, heaviest weight wins. Disqualify senior bucks under 10 pounds and senior does under 11 pounds.

Shape of Body:

Points 10—Cuts 1 to 5.

Long, well-arched, medium broad hindquarters, tapering slightly to the front but not wedged shape. Bucks less tapering than does, body carried well off the ground, plenty of daylight underneath. Cut severely for lack of arch or short-coupled frame.

Legs:

Points 5—Cuts 1 to 5.

Front legs long and straight, medium heavy bones, hind legs

larger, carried parallel with body. All legs to be free from marking color as possible. Cut for short legs and cut 1 point for each leg having marking on it.

Shape of Head and Head Marking:

Points 25—Cuts 1 to 25.

Shall consist of butterfly, eye circles, cheek spots and ears.

Butterfly: Shape of butterfly, wings circling nose from lip to lip with body of butterfly to be in proportion to wings and extend toward the forehead. Disqualify for split butterfly. A white spot in butterfly disqualifies, a strip of white along the low edge of upper lip shall not disqualify but will be cut 5 points. Butterfly cuts 1 to 5 points.

Eye Circles: The eye to be surrounded by marking color, round or oval in shape, both eye circles to be uniform and clear from ears, cheek spots and butterfly, if one eye circle connects to either cheek spot, ear or butterfly, cut 3 points. If both connect, disqualify. Disqualify for absence of either eye circle. Disqualify for any two connections on the head. Eye circle cuts 1 to 5 points.

Cheek Spots: A spot of color on each cheek about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter and separated from the eye circle by about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch or more, cut 2 points for double cheek spot on one side. Disqualify for double cheek spot on both sides. Disqualify for absence of either cheek spot. Cheek spots cuts 1 to 4.

Ears: Solid color from tip to base, marking color stopping abruptly at ear base. Ears to be 6 inches long or more in proportion to body. Ear cuts 1 to 5. Disqualify ears under $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Cut severely for white running up ears.

Shape of Head: Large, well proportioned, bucks broader than does, but avoid bulldog type. Cut 1 point for each stray spot. Shape of head cuts 1 to 5 points.

Spine and Side Markings:

Points 25—Cut 1 to 20.

A strip of color marking, called the spine mark beginning at the front of the ear base and running in an unbroken line along the top of back to the tip of tail. It should be narrower at the start, widen over the rump and be narrower again at the tail, or may be a straight, even line. Width to be in proportion to other markings, wider on heavy marked animals and narrower on light marked animals. Side markings to consist of two spots or groups of spots on each side. The forward spot or group of spots to be on the loin and not extend forward of the midway of the body. The hind spot or group of spots to be on the thigh or hip. Both sides to be exactly alike. Shoulders to be free from spots. Any spots forward of midway and on shoulders shall be cut 4 points. If more than 4 spots forward on one side disqualify. Disqualify for absence of either side markings on either side. Do not get the side markings up too high. There should be a broad stripe of white between the spine and side markings.

Off balanced side markings should be cut in proportion to the extent of which they are out of balance. Cut severely for a side marking which consists of one solid patch, but do not cut more than 8 points. A herring-bone spine mark to be cut slightly. Cut 1 point for each break in spine mark less than 1 inch long, cut 2 points for each break over 1 inch long. If more than a fourth of spine mark is missing or if spine mark connects to side markings disqualify. (Note: A small spot connected to the spine marking and separated from the side marking, shall be considered part of the spine marking and not disqualify but be cut severely.)

Limit on spine cuts 10 points. Limit cuts on sides 15 points.

Color:

Points 10—Cuts 1 to 5.

May be Black, Blue or A. O. C. (A. O. C. means: Gray, Tortoise, Yellow or any other color.) Any three colors disqualifies. In judging Blacks we often find the belly and crotch color to fade from black to almost blue due to the thinness of fur in these regions. If this bluish color appears on the belly or crotch, it shall be considered a faded black. However, a blue spot anywhere else on a Black Checkered Giant shall be a disqualification. Stray white hairs to be cut in proportion.

Fur:

Points 10—Cuts 1 to 5.

To be dense, soft and glossy, medium in length and not of the fly-back type. Plenty of good hair and free from moult.

General Condition:

Points 5—Cuts 1 to 5.

To be clean, free from stains, firm in flesh, neither poor nor too fat.

Summary of Points:

Shape of head	5
Shape of body	10
Legs	5
Ears	5
Total points for type	25

Butterfly	5
Eye Circles	5
Cheek Spots	5
Spine Mark	10
Side Markings	15
Total points for markings	40

Size and weight	10
Color	10
Fur	10
General Condition	5
Total points for color, fur and condition	25

Perfection: Total points 100.

Note: Belly and crotch to be as free from marking color as possible.

Disqualifications:

Any of the following disqualifications shall disqualify a Checkered Giant on the show table and also make it ineligible for registration.

Weight: On the show table: Senior bucks under 10 pounds and Senior does under 11 pounds.

Markings: White spot in butterfly. Split butterfly. If both eye circles connect to ears, cheek spots or butterfly. Any two connections on head. Double cheek spots on both sides. If either eye circle is missing. If more than one-fourth of spine mark is missing. If spine mark is connected to side marking. Absence of either side marking on either side. More than 4 spots on one side forward of midway of body. Specimen with more than two colors.

Any of the Following Ailments: Colds, catarrh or snuffles, ear canker, slobbers, pot-belly, sore hocks, vent disease, abscesses, tumor, rupture, blindness in one or both eyes,lop fallen or side carried ears.

Ears: Ears under $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Ear torn more than three-fourths inch, portion missing showing noticeable.

Eyes: Off colored eyes, wall-eyes, moon eyes, spots in pupil and unmatched eyes.

Crooked Feet or Legs: Bow legs, cow hocked, knocked knees or any deformed bone in body, crooked toe or toes.

Wry Tail: One permanently set to either side.

Bob Tail: When cut off or missing, showing same to be conspicuously out of proportion.

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